

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD  
June 9, 2010**

**CALL TO ORDER**

A Regular meeting of the Recreation Advisory Board was called to order at 6:37 PM, Wednesday, June 9, 2010, at the Buena Vista Community Center, 715 E. Main Street, Buena Vista, Colorado by Earl Richmond. Present members were Earl Richmond, Eric Gibb, and Steve Plumb. Also present were Town Engineer Rachel Friedman, Town Administrator Sue Boyd and Recreation Director Erin Reavis.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

No quorum to approve minutes

**AGENDA ADOPTION**

Agenda was amended to add discussion with Scott and Todd Reece for the Disc Golf Course.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

Scott and Todd Reece brought an updated proposal for the Disc Golf Course and would like to continue preparation efforts to be ready as soon as possible if the Rec Master Plan is to be approved by the Board of Trustees. The area north of the ball fields has been earmarked for the location. They are still deciding on whether they can do an 18-hole course and have the possibility of becoming PDGA certifiable. Sue Boyd commented on the size of the footprint, approval from Trustees, and they will need to approach the Board of Trustees with a distinct proposal for the course. Discussion continued regarding signage, garbage cans, sponsors, operations and maintenance, volunteers, and the Town becoming the fiscal agent. Rachel Friedman suggested the Rec Board draft a letter of support. Eric Gibb provided four issues for Scott and Todd to prepare for: the plans, land-use issues, fiscal agency, staff and public works time. Sue Boyd said the Board of Trustees meeting July 27 will have the Advisory Boards and these requests would be addressed as an Action Item on the Agenda and to make sure Scott and Todd are prepared.

June Public Meeting Follow-up – The meeting went well, projects are not competing for locations. The Rodeo Grounds received the largest number of votes. Rachel Friedman met with the rodeo group June 8 regarding putting their requests on the short term list.

Rec Master Plan Discussion - David Volpe has gotten dirt donated for the proposed pump track, which is now ready to be constructed. The group then discussed the budget process, working with the Trails Board in common efforts, grant opportunities. The group also discussed the condition of the skate park and the possibility of the extension of the Community Center westward to create a Rec Center. The Rec Board should consider the community consensus regarding levels of importance or prioritization for projects. Eric Gibb questioned the practicality of moving fixing the skate park up in priority, Sue Boyd suggested it could possibly be wasteful to fix since it may have to be continuously re-fixed because the actual structure is rotting. Steve Plumb noted that there needs to be a change from approved to be compliant on the playground improvements in the Rec Master Plan draft.

Preparations for the Board of Trustees Meeting – The meeting is July 13 for the Board of Trustees. The Rec Board will have a special meeting June 29 to prepare for that meeting. Steve Jacobson will meet with the Trails Board July 6.

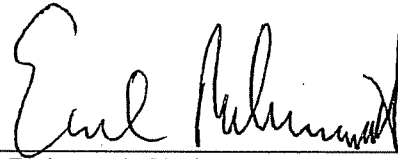
General discussion – The Rocks and Ropes course is up but not open yet, a group of citizens were trained to put up and change the holds. Sue Boyd mentioned to make sure the groups that are organizing projects stay in contact and cooperation with the Town and Public Works. Rachel Friedman suggested making written

agreements with these groups. Camping in town has come up and should be discussed in the next Rec Board meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Earl Richmond adjourned the meeting at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

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Earl Richmond, Chair

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Erin Reavis", written above a horizontal line.

Erin Reavis, Secretary

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD  
May 12, 2010**

**CALL TO ORDER**

A Regular meeting of the Recreation Advisory Board was called to order at 6:38 PM, Wednesday, May 12, 2010, at the Buena Vista Community Center, 715 E. Main Street, Buena Vista, Colorado by Earl Richmond. Present members were Earl Richmond, Eric Gibb, Luke Urbine, Steve Plumb, Haley Rollins. Also present were Town Engineer Rachel Friedman, Town Administrator Sue Boyd and Recreation Director Erin Reavis.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Motion #1** by Eric Gibb, seconded by Steve Plumb to approve minutes from April 13 meeting as presented.

**AGENDA ADOPTION**

Agenda was amended to add Lois Walton with the Central Colorado Performing Arts Center. Eric Gibb moved to accept the agenda as amended, Steve Plumb seconded the motion.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

Lois Walton with the Colorado Center for Performing Arts Group discussed the status of the land and organization. The parcel is approximately 3.8 acres and is located on the old dump site area east of the Community Center. There is a public easement running through the area for Fishing is Fun. The lease is for 40 years and specifies the group must do something with the property within 10 years (from 2003). Their committee has discussed the possibility of other locations for an amphitheater or performing center. Rachel Friedman said the cost for a soil test would be approximately \$5,000 and Lois Walton said the performing arts committee offered to pay for half. Lois also mentioned grants are available and need to be applied for but should be represented on the Parks and Recreation Master Plan Map to help with grants. The Board discussed other recreational options that could possibly work on that land. The group discussed the possibility of working together on a trade of land.

Mike Brown spoke about the idea of developing a tourist train that would run from Buena Vista through Brown's Canyon to Salida. Mike said that he is looking for community support before he presents to Union Pacific and is asking the Board for such support. He would also like someone to sit on the board for this Train group and the Rec Board offered a few names of community people. Mike continued to explain that the train could have a station in town, could have a car for recreation items such as rafts and bikes, and can be a family adventure. The Board discussed Rails to Trails, public security and time frame. Mike stated that he is meeting with Salida in June and would like to have something more concrete by next year.

Brent Jewell with Buena Vista Youth Soccer Association spoke about the youth soccer season, about 180 kids played soccer this spring season. The need for additional field space is growing. BVYSA has suggested some desirable locations to create roughly the same area as the existing soccer field. Eric Gibb mentioned that Salida had gone private to construct their field, Brent expressed the desire to still be under the Town of BV. The group discussed the opportunities more field space could bring, great for tourists coming to our community, looking at what Leadville is currently doing with recreation. A new field will be included in the Parks and Recreation Master Plan.

Public Input Meeting – The goal for the next meeting is to have a document with a map of the city with locations for the ideas from the previous public input meeting. All public input will be put onto unranked lists for maintenance and small upgrades, short and long term plans. Disc golf-22 votes, skate park-14 votes, pump track-35 votes, open paddling at McPhelemy Park-15 votes, plaza at McPhelemy Park-22 votes, playground-11 votes, dog park-22 votes, Forest Square Park-5 votes, remote control plane airstrip-7 votes, rodeo ground improvements 60 votes, recreation center-50 votes, shaded tables at Columbine Park, soccer field, baseball

field, performing arts center. Next input meeting set for June 1 at the Community Center. Information received and budget advice will then be put into packets for the Board of Trustees meeting on July 13.

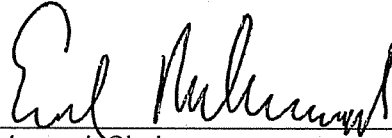
Bike to Work Day – LiveWell Chaffee County would like volunteers for the Bike to Work Day. Lisa Malde asked Erin to spread word on need.

LiveWell Involvement – LiveWell Chaffee County has grant money and would like some involvement with Buena Vista. Earl suggested this could be a great opportunity for the Rec Advisory Board to team up with LiveWell on some of existing ideas to get funding.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Earl Richmond adjourned the meeting at 9:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

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Earl Richmond, Chair

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Erin Reavis, Secretary

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD  
March 10, 2010**

**CALL TO ORDER**

A Regular meeting of the Recreation Advisory Board was called to order at 6:41 PM, Wednesday, March 10, 2010, at the Buena Vista Community Center, E. Main Street, Buena Vista, Colorado by Earl Richmond. Present members were Earl Richmond, Eric Gibb, Luke Urbine, Steve Plumb. Also present were Town Engineer Rachel Friedman, Town Administrator Sue Boyd and Recreation Director Erin Reavis.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Motion #1** by Eric Gibb, seconded by Steve Plumb, to amend the minutes from February 10, 2010 to no longer identify the facilities spreadsheet as "facilities inventory".

**AGENDA ADOPTION**

Agenda was amended to add Comments from Board of Trustees Meeting

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

A special interest group from the Rodeo Grounds made a presentation on the Buena Vista Rodeo Grounds Improvement Proposal. Barb Wind, along with approximately eight to ten others, brought a packet of information and a wealth of knowledge regarding what already exists, current conditions, and a "wish" list for the Rodeo Grounds. They discussed how the Town has budgeted \$500 per year for the Rodeo Grounds and is in charge of improvements. Trash cans used to be provided, but the Town has taken them away, leaving trash and debris all over. The people that use the facility are the ones that do the upkeep and they would like some help. The group had a list of 17 items which would help improve the Rodeo Grounds and also help generate more revenue during events held there and allowing additional events which require specific items including but not limited to maintenance, pens, stalls, restrooms, safe fencing. Eric Gibb suggested the group prioritize their list and include an itemized cost estimate and map out the Equestrian Area they are thinking about for the Master Plan Map. Earl Richmond suggested the group have a Volunteer Day like other groups do to clean up the desired location. Members of the group talked about how important the Rodeo Grounds are to our community, that not every town has a facility like this. There are organizations that would like Buena Vista to conduct large events here which would be multi-day events and potential revenue builders. Group members suggested that it is a historical site and could possibly get grant money for that and also the use of prison labor could help.

Board of Trustees Meeting Update – Earl Richmond spoke at the previous Board of Trustees meeting to get them up to speed as to where the Recreation Advisory Board is now, that the Board is building a parks master plan. Earl presented a handout of prioritized list of projects and felt it was well received.

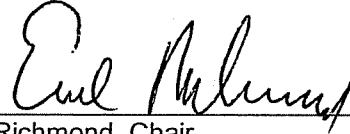
Preliminary Discussion Re: Site Maps – The Board discussed the Highway 24 Corridor process and the Road bond. It was decided that our process may not be as extensive as those projects and don't need as much detail as those for the Master Plan. Sue Boyd discussed knowing what the final product of the Parks Master Plan should look like and having a three part strategy: 1. Plans for the next year, 2. Plans for the next couple years, 3. Plans for beyond two or three years and that the mapping is possibly going to be the hardest part of this process since many groups are looking at same pieces of land for their projects. We need to have our list of ideas presented several times through public forums and find out what the people in the community really care about. It was decided to have four meetings on two days for these public forums set for Thursday, May 6 and Tuesday, June 1 at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. The Board should be sure to invite special interest groups to these meetings. Rachel Friedman will work with the Town Engineer Intern on conceptual drawings by the beginning of May. Steve Plumb suggested the plans don't need to be fancy but the conceptual plan should be ready for the meetings, possibly just having a "Bubble Map". There was also discussion regarding how Recreation integrates

with the Trails group; how ability levels and age groups may not be getting addressed, how trails are either right next to roadways or through easements, paths that don't meet or make connections. The Board discussed having basic ideas in place of how to define the public meetings and how these meetings will direct the future of the city efforts for recreation where's and what's.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Earl Richmond adjourned the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

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Earl Richmond, Chair

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